

HEROIC RESCUES MARK TRAIN WRECK

Three Dead and Many Injured When Special Leaves Track

MILLIONAIRE DIES IN TRAIN WRECK

By Associated Press
NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Spencer Trask, head of a firm of bankers which for many years acted as fiscal agents for the late Queen Victoria, was crushed to death in his private compartment today when returning to New York from Yeddo, his country place near Saratoga. Trask was in the compartment of the last car, a sleeper, in a train known as the Montreal express on the New York Central.

Trask's death resulted from a freight train colliding with the train on which he was a passenger. The dead banker was many times a millionaire and one report placed his wealth as high as fifty millions.

The collision, which occurred near Croton, New York, resulted in injury to a passenger and a porter. The former, it is believed, is fatally hurt.

FIRST FREIGHT OVER WESTERN PACIFIC LINE

By Associated Press
OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 31.—The first freight train from Chicago to the Pacific coast over the Western Pacific route arrived today. The train was greeted at the local depot by the Western Pacific officials and merchants to whom the freight aboard it was consigned. The train brought twenty-six carloads of wire nails, shipped to a San Francisco firm.

CERTIFICATES FOR LIFE GRANTED TO NEW TEACHERS

By Associated Press
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—The California State Board of Education closed the year by an all day session during which 151 life certificates were granted and many important topics discussed, but little action was taken. It is expected the dictum on text books will be deferred until some time during the succeeding meeting. Among those present were Miss Edna Rich, of Santa Barbara; Alexis Lange, of the University of California; F. L. Burke, of San Francisco; Professor S. T. Black of San Diego, who presided; C. C. Van Liew, of Chico; J. F. Millsap, of Los Angeles; Morris E. Dalley, of San Jose; Edward Hyatt, the state superintendent. The board re-adopted the elementary arithmetic used the last four years, and M. B. Vanemire was appointed chairman of a special committee to gather data on methods for preparing commercial teachers for their work.

ENGINEERING WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED

By Associated Press
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—The engineering tasks in connection with the building of the Western Pacific was declared officially completed today when Chief Engineer Virgil Bogue and First Assistant H. M. McCarthy, held a conference with the division engineers, preliminary to the filing of a final report of the chief, who has severed his connection with the company. Bogue will go to New York as soon as the report is finished and he will be succeeded by T. J. Wyche.

GAS EXPLOSION INJURES MANY

By Associated Press
MONTREAL, Dec. 31.—Twenty-five persons were injured, some fatally, in an explosion at a place called Viger, a station on the Canadian Pacific railway, at midnight. The train was ready to leave the station platform and was crowded with New Years throng, when a terrific explosion ripped up the platform from end to end, and buried more than twenty people in the debris. A brief investigation convinced the railroad officials that the gas plant of a Quebec train blew up.

OLD TIME CELEBRATION IN SAN FRANCISCO

By Associated Press
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—San Francisco ushered in the New Year tonight with the usual blaze of red fire and the blare of horns and noise producers of all kinds. The streets in the downtown section were illuminated and lined with many thousands of people. Elaborate parades and a procession of floats built on trolley cars, with the outlines of electric bulbs were the feature of the celebration.

J. P. Murphy, formerly with the McKenzie company at Goldfield, and through Tonopah yesterday on his way to Rawhide.

ENGINE AND FIVE CARS JUMP TRACK AND GO OVER FIVE FOOT EMBANKMENT

GOLDEN SEEKS TO PLACE BLAME ELSEWHERE

Tonopah has always boasted of having the only long distance fighter in the state, but from the following story which appeared in yesterday morning's Reno Journal, Frank Golden, president of the defunct Nye and Ormsby county bank, has made an awful effort to cast the responsibilities of having caused hundreds of depositors to lose their money, on other shoulders. He also would like to appear as a much abused person and would gladly accept public sympathy. Just listen to this:

"Frank Golden returned Wednesday night from Tonopah, and was about his affairs at the Hotel Golden yesterday.

"Mr. Golden was asked concerning the reported affair in Tonopah last Tuesday, when R. F. Gilbert threatened him with a revolver in the saloon of the Tonopah Liquor company. He was willing to talk of the affair and made the following statement:

"Gilbert, according to the statement which several people made to me, had been acting strangely about town for several days prior to my arrival. The opinion of the people who told me this seemed to be generally that Gilbert had been drinking heavily.

"On the morning of the day on which the gunplay took place, Gilbert had, it was said to me, been to several banks in Tonopah and tried to get some money on his note—without success.

"To the best of my recollection Gilbert's son had about \$50 on deposit in the Nye and Ormsby county bank. The one little detail which the telegraphic accounts from Tonopah failed to state, which alters the face of the matter somewhat, is that Gilbert owes the Nye and Ormsby county bank about \$2,000.

"A few minutes before the affair Gilbert and W. W. Booth, editor of the Tonopah Bonanza, were talking together very confidentially, and Gilbert was heard to say, by a Tonopah man of standing—whose name I do not wish you to publish just now—'That man ought to be killed.' The remark was evidently meant in reference to myself, according to what this man said, who overheard the colloquy between Gilbert and Booth. And Booth, from all appearances, seemed to be egging Gilbert on to something or other.

"I can readily understand Booth's being in on such a thing as that, for he has for a long time overlooked no chance, good or otherwise, to harass me in every way possible. This sort of thing on Booth's part is easily explained when I say that I have a libel suit in the courts against him now. Since I filed that suit, Booth has never overlooked an opportunity to 'get even.' One of his methods has been the publication of outrageous and false stories in his own paper, and the sending out of equally malicious stories for publication in other papers. This episode is just another of Booth's devices to stir up something against me.

"The story about a 'body guard' police officer is absolutely false. I do not see a police officer for five consecutive minutes all the time I was in Tonopah. I never had a body guard in my life—I don't need one.

"While I know perfectly well what is at the bottom of the whole affair—Booth's malice—what I mind the worst about is the worry such things cause my family. This affair in Tonopah caused them a good deal of unnecessary worry.

"Between Booth and Gilbert on the one hand, and myself on the other, I think my record in Nevada will bear closer inspection than the records of either of them."

The first portion of the above statement is a falsehood in itself for Bob Gilbert was perfectly sober on the day of his altercation with Golden and furthermore had not been drinking for some time past. Regarding the paragraph where it is stated that the editor of this paper endeavored to influence Gilbert to kill Golden, we will state that for a minute or so we were talking to Gilbert in front of the 'Brokers' Exchange saloon.

"Where is Frank Golden?" I heard that he was in town," asked Gilbert.

"I do not know where he is at present, but saw him on the street some time ago," was our answer. "Well, it is a wonder to me that some one doesn't kill the——— instead of allowing him

Fire Breaks Out Among Wreckage and Scores of Persons are Rescued After Being Burned.

By Associated Press
TRENTON, Mo., Dec. 31.—Three persons, two of them women, were killed, and at least 43 injured, three seriously, when the Rock Island passenger No. 3, California Special, westbound from Chicago, was wrecked two miles south of here this morning.

The cause of the wreck is unknown, although it is believed to have been caused by spreading of the rails. While the train was running at a high speed the engine and tender left the track and plunged over a five-foot embankment. They were followed by two baggage cars, mail, tourist and Pullman car. Of the entire train, only the sleeper and observation cars remained on the track. Soon after the train left the rails broke out, and the three who lost their lives were badly burned. Scores were rescued after the flames had scorched their clothing or burned their flesh. David Siegel of

to walk the streets" was the concluding remark of Gilbert. This remark had been made dozens of times before and naturally caused us to laugh, but had we known for a moment that an attempt was to be made on the life of Golden, we would have been the first man to interfere, no matter whether the victim was deserving of the fate or not. Tom Kendall happened to pass at that time and to him we told of the remark as made by Gilbert.

Mr. Kendall evidently considered it a good joke for he too laughed. The first intimation that we had of the affair was when informed by Chief of Police Ed Malley some twenty minutes after the event. If Mr. Golden so desires, we will furnish him with sworn affidavits. The people of Tonopah and in fact southern Nevada know the true circumstances. A great deal of indignation was expressed by the citizens of this city yesterday over the article in the Reno paper and while we are not attempting to toot our own horn, there was not a single individual who did not detect the falsity of Golden's story. The proprietor of this paper is one of the best law abiding citizens in the state of Nevada, believes in protecting the holdings of others and to keep down crime. The Bonanza published a truthful statement on the following morning of the attempted killing of "Dollar for Dollar" Golden. The paper was on the streets at 5 o'clock in the morning and the train that carried the ex-president of the Nye and Ormsby county bank from this city to his Reno home, did not depart from Tonopah until 9 a. m., four hours later. If he had been maligned and slandered why did he not make a statement to the press over his signature? The people of Tonopah know Mr. Golden and the cool reception received by him during his stay of less than 24 hours will confirm his opinion of their true conception of his manhood's worth.

Again, Mr. Golden, why did you not make good to your former friends, as your repeated telegrams said you would on your off repeated wires, "will be in Tonopah tomorrow, or in a day or two?"

Golden cannot malign or slander the publisher of the Daily Bonanza, for in estimation the editor of this journal stands in the minds of the people of Nevada as an elephant compared in size to that of a flea-size Golden.

And again, Golden, you were told when you asked your friend "What did Booth say?" he replied, "He said nothing but walked away." Can you deny this?

By Associated Press
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Charles Schwartz, who was convicted for violating the Walker-Otis anti-betting law, by placing a wager on a baseball game last summer, was sentenced to thirty days in the county jail by Judge Frank Dunne today.

JAIL SENTENCE FOR BETTING ON GAME

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FORMER TREASURER IS BEING SUED

By Associated Press
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Suit was entered today by the city against Former Treasurer Charles Bantel for the return of \$90,000 which disappeared from the treasury while he was in office. James Tomalty, Bantel's former head bookkeeper, was convicted of embezzling a portion of the missing sum.

Cleveland, Ohio, had to lie for an hour while the flames burned within a few feet of him. He instructed the rescuers to carry water from the tank of the engine to extinguish the blaze nearest to his body. This was done, and eventually he was rescued, although he will lose an arm.

Heroic rescues were numerous. At the risk of their own lives men and women who escaped unharmed, went into the burning wreckage and rescued the less fortunate fellow passengers. All the passengers suffered greatly from the cold. As many of the injured as room could be made for were placed in the two cars that remained on the track. The others gathered about bonfires made from portions of the wrecked train. Most of the seriously injured were taken to a hotel at Trenton on the first relief train. The second relief train took twenty injured and uninjured passengers to Kansas City.

FIVE BANDITS FIGHT BATTLE WITH POSSE

By Associated Press
OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 31.—The five men who intended to rob three banks and the postoffice at Harrah, Okla., early today ran into a posse headed by United States Marshal "Jack" Abernathy. As a result, two of the bandits are dead, one is in jail at Guthrie, wounded, and two suspects are in jail here. Frank Quigg was shot down in the fight with the posse and instantly killed. Frank Carpenter, another robber, was wounded and died in jail here. J. C. Dittbeck, the third bandit, was only slightly hurt. The robbery was well planned, but Carpenter made a mistake of telling a number of people of the plot. It was in this way the postoffice inspectors learned of the affair. The men were caught in the act of drilling into the rear door of the Harrah State bank.

Carpenter after the fight admitted to the marshal that he and his partner had planned to rob the banks and postoffice and stated that "Red" Rogers and Pearl Wilson, the names of the men who escaped, and that he and his associates had robbed the Golden, Colorado, postoffice a few weeks ago, when they secured \$300.

MAY SETTLE STRIKE BY ARBITRATION

By Associated Press
CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—No increase in pay will be granted the switchmen in the Chicago district, unless it should come through a board of arbitration. The railroad managers submitted a proposition to the union today, and in substance refused every demand of the union. The answer is not regarded as final and further conferences will be held, but, it is said, in the end the entire matter will be submitted to arbitration.

TRAINMEN MAY GO OUT ON STRIKE

By Associated Press
ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 31.—It was stated tonight at the headquarters of the Switchmen's union, that several of the affiliated orders of the railway branch of the American Federation of Labor had voted on the question of going on a strike and that other members are still voting. No results could be ascertained, and it is not known whether any action will be taken by the orders either independently or all in a body.

JIM FLYNN KNOCKS OUT JOE WILLIS

By Associated Press
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 31.—Jim Flynn, the Pueblo fireman, knocked out Joe Willis of San Francisco tonight in the sixth round of a ten round bout. In the early rounds Willis outfought the fireman.

Deputy Sheriff A. C. Martinson, of Manhattan, came in from the north last evening and leaves this morning for Kimball, Neb., on a few weeks visit to his folks.

LARGE CROWD MERRY MASKERS ENJOY BALL

"I wonder who is waltzing me now?" was the popular refrain heard last night at the grand masquerade ball given at the Miners' Exchange hall by the Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias. From start to finish the dance was a success and there has never been an occasion in this city when so many different costumes were in evidence. In the grand march there were fully 200 couples, while a great many of the maskers stood by to watch the procession. There were Days and Nights, Flower Queens, Chevalliers, Court Ladies, Clowns, the Two Little Girls in Blue, Dutch Maidens, Germans, and in fact everything imaginable. Notable among the crowd were three costumes representing The Bonanza.

The task of the judges was a difficult one for it was almost impossible to select the prize winners from the vast assemblage. Great credit is due the committee composed of B. M. Bateman, George B. Swasey and B. D. Stone, who had charge of the affair and who worked untiringly for the merited success.

The winners of the prizes are as follows:

First prize, best costumed lady, lady's gold watch, Mrs. Merschner, in butterfly costume. Second prize, pair of shoes, Mrs. J. Tester, in bell costume.

First prize, best costumed gentleman, gold watch, Dick Klepper in chevallier costume. Second prize, year's subscription Tonopah Daily Bonanza, Roy Moore, chevalier costume.

Best sustained lady character, prize, lady's hand bag, Mrs. Cecil Chapman, in costume representing Nevada.

Best sustained gentleman character, prize, box of cigars, Sunny Klein, as Jew peddler.

Most original character, lady, prize, 20-pound turkey, Laura Parr, flower girl.

Most original character, gentleman, prize, suckling pig, Dan McCarthy, as a Tonopah Miner.

Most original group of six, prize, case of beer, Messrs. Stotesbury, Flood, O'Connell, Trabert, Boggs and Bowler, in football costumes.

Most original group of three, prize, three bottles of champagne, Messdames Swasey, Fowler and Recht, in Fleur de lis costume.

Best cakewalkers, prize, ten-pound cake and bottle of perfume, C. F. Cauffman and Mrs. J. Tester.

Most original costume representing the state of Nevada, prize, a Swift Premier ham and sack of flour, Mrs. D. E. McCarthy.

Most original character representing Tonopah, prize, two bottles Burgundy and one bottle wine, Mrs. M. Strain.

Best female impersonator, prize, kid gloves, Claude Manning, as Belle of Darktown.

Best male impersonator, prize, pair kid gloves, Mrs. T. J. Lyon, as Puddy Grimes.

Honorable man in the house, prize, two neckties, J. R. Balliet.

Best Cook and Peary layout, prize, pair lady's slippers and gentleman's gloves, Al Fishback and Mrs. Nutto. Owing to the absence of competitors this award was made on an Uncle Sam costume worn by Mr. Fishback, and a winter dress worn by Mrs. Nutto.

Best waltzers, prize, pair lady's silk hose and landscape picture, James Coffee and Pearl Coffee.

Consolation prize of a supper at the Montana cafe, Miss Rowe and Mrs. Burgess, as the Gold Dust Twins.

Most original costume for married woman, prize, one month's free admission to Butler theater, Mrs. Bozart, costumed as Folly.

The winners who failed to secure an order for their prize can have the same by making application at the Tonopah drug store where all awards have been on exhibit.

The following are among those who participated in the affair and their costumes:

Della Gilbert, twilight; Elsie Bowler, night; Mrs. L. Moore, Irish washerwoman; Miss M. Rowe, Mrs. E. J. Burgess, Gold Dust Twins; Claude L. Manning, Belle of Coontown; Clara Boggs, handkerchief girl; Mabel Boggs, Spanish girl; Inza Critchfield, Italian girl; Sadie Sturgeon, fire; Fernie Sturgeon, blue bell; Abbie Stratton, flag; Mrs. Puttkame, Mrs. Hooten, snow maid; Mrs. Swinn, Arabic costume; Mrs. C. Kennedy, Spanish dancer; Miss Meaglia, Italian flag; Mrs. Sawle, Mrs. Gillen, fancy dress;

Mrs. George Swasey, Mrs. Phil Recht, Mrs. H. Fowler, golden fleur de lis; Bannie Harma, gypsy; Alice Hallahan, Dora Hallahan, school girls; Sadie Aladalo, Dutch girl; Ruth Hayden, Dutch girl; Elsie Simmons, Arabian costume; Laura Parr, Italian girl; Mrs. W. Ross, Indian maid; Miss C. Succetti, peasant girl; Mrs. F. Messchner, butterfly costume; Miss Trix Shaw; Mrs. C. Velanovich, Dutch immigrants; Miss Hewett, Bohemian girl; Mrs. Howett, stars; Francis Hyland, queen of hearts; Mrs. Parker, western girl; Mrs. O. Dunn, fairy; Mrs. Nutto, winter; Miss Hazel Lutz, Martha Washington; Miss J. Zanola, night; Miss Jane Donahue, Spanish girl; Mrs. Devine, gypsy girl; Mame Piercy, nurse; Catherine Hyland, maid; Mrs. J. R. Balliet, Red Riding Hood; Pearl Coffee, Leslie Wardel, sailor girl; Mrs. M. Minnick, western girl; Mrs. M. Strain, Tonopah and her industries; Miss Mary Ross, oriental girl; Mrs. J. Tester, bell girl; Mrs. O. Jenke, Syrian; Mrs. Pangburn, Sis Hopkins; Mrs. W. H. Roberts, maid; Mrs. W. H. Collins; Mrs. Miss E. Collins, Frost; Mrs. McGinn, folly; Mrs. W. L. Moore, Mrs. R. D. Klepper, school kids; Mrs. Enquist, lady's maid; Mrs. Keenan, lady of quality; Mrs. C. Chapman, Nevada; Mrs. Lawrence, popcorn girl; Miss L. Hunt, Japanese girl; Mrs. L. Balliet, Spanish girl; Mrs. D. E. McCarthy, Nevada; Francis Warren, jockey girl; Mrs. B. D. Stone, Spanish dancing girl; Frances Gilbert, Agnes Fuller, Two Little Girls in Blue; Miss M. Cottrell, Carmen; Hazel Joanis, Spanish dancer; Mame Gomm, flower girl; Alice Joanis, French maid; Mrs. Bozart, Carnation girl; Nellie Pommeroy, night; Mrs. O'Brien, queen of hearts; Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Murphy, daisies; Mrs. I. Wonderlin, farmer; Mrs. Greenwald as Mr. Greenwald; Mrs. G. Jetter, school girl; Mrs. E. E. Walker, housemaid.

Harry Stidger, sailor; Jim Tarbett, red devil; P. Lynch, clown; T. F. Harrington, clown; John Murray, clown; A. Kelle, Dutch girl; Ben McCarthy, a Tonopah miner; H. F. Fowler, Turk; M. Gilton, Uncle Sam; Roy Via, ball player; L. Gagne, clown; F. C. Malley, L. N. Bernard, J. Hallahan, Tonopah Daily Bonanza; Frank Ward, Willie off the Yacht; Larry O'Connell, Miss Columbia; Joe Moore, clown; E. E. Bertram, nothing; E. P. Tognini, nothing; L. F. Baash, Dutchman; E. H. Howell, a cook; D. L. Karl, sailor; W. R. Bozart, Duke of Folly; E. S. LaTourette, French sailor; J. W. Gavigan, simple Simon; A. M. Murphy, ball player; Frank Hill, China sailor; W. H. Weden, sailor; Mrs. Lyons, Puddy Grimes; Roy Klein, Jew peddler; George Hayden, hobob; D. H. Murphy, clown; Earl Lydon, rube; O. Wise, convict; Louis Nelson, China sailor; Mrs. Hayden, Arabian costume; E. Dobrowsky, Mexican; J. R. Leech, Mexican; Walter Mickey Malone, Dutchman.

EMPLOYEES ON BRIDGE THROWN INTO RIVER

By Associated Press
ST. LOUIS, Dec. 31.—Three hundred feet of false structure of the McKinley bridge, now under construction across the Mississippi river, was knocked out by the ice jam at 5 o'clock this evening. Sixty-nine men were thrown into the river. One hundred and fifty men were at work on the structure when the jam began to move. Seventy heard the warning sump in time to escape to the steel work but the others went down in a twisted mass of timbers. Three hoisting engines and a traveler also went down, imperiling the struggling men below. Captain John Short in charge of a tug and two barges, picked up forty men and got them ashore after two hours of battle with the ice, which was jammed six feet high in many places. Several times the barges threatened to crush the tug, and several times the vessel nearly turned turtle when forced upon the ice by the force behind. The other men were unable to reach the tug and are believed to have landed safely with the aid of floating ice floes, but the company officials said tonight they would not know whether any lives were lost until tomorrow when the men will be paid off. The property loss is estimated at \$250,000 and the completion of the bridge will be delayed several months. The bridge is being built by the Illinois Traction system.

LARGE SUM VOTED FOR STRIKE RELIEF

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 31.—The grand lodge officers of the Switchmen's Union of North America today voted \$15,000 for the relief of striking switchmen in the north-west.